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SUBJ: TURK CYPRIOT AIDE MEMOIRE AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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1. REF TELS ADDRESS TWO SPEARATE BUT INTERLOCKING ASPECTS OF SINGLE PROBLEM OF ASSURING ACCESS BY US EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO AREAS OF CYPRUS CONTROLLED BY TURKISH ARMY AND TMT. WE THINK IT IMPORTANT TO LET GOT AND GOC, INCLUDING TURKISH ELEMENT IN GOC (DENKTASH AND DEFENSE MINISTER) KNOW HOW US VIEWS THIS MATTER.

2. EMBASSY ANKARA SHOULD RAISE ACCESS/TRAVEL ISSUE AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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(A) WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED GOT TO INSTRUCT TURKISH MILITARY ON CYPRUS TO PERMIT US EMBASSY ACCESS TO AMCITS IN

TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS, AND OTHERWISE TO FACILITATE EMBASSY MOVEMENTS IN TURKISH AREA. WE APPRECIATE EARLIER MFA ASSURANCES THAT MATTER IS BEING LOOKED INTO AND NEED EXPEDITIOUS ACTION NOW.

(B) WHILE GOT MAY NOT HAVE FULL CONTROL OVER LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS BY TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS, WE BELIEVE GOT, IS, NONETHELESS, IN A POSITION TO COORDINATE WITH DENKTASH LOCAL DECISIONS RELATING TO MOVEMENTS OF US AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ON CYPRUS, AND OF OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS, WHO ALSO NEED TO TRAVEL WIDELY ON ISLAND IF THEY ARE TO PERFORM THEIR NECESSARY HUMANITARIAN TASKS. THUS WE THINK IT NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN TO GOT US ATTITUDE TOWARD RECENT TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNICATION TO OUR EMBASSY IN NICOSIA ON THIS SUBJECT.

(C) US EMBASSY IN NICOSIA IS ACCREDITED TO GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS, AND THAT IS ENTITY WITH WHICH WE MUST COMMUNICATE FORMALLY. IT HAS BEEN EMBASSY'S PRACTICE TO INFORM DEFENSE MINISTER OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS OF INTENTION TO TRAVEL IN TURKISH-HELD AREAS, AND WE HAVE ALSO COMMUNICATED WITH DENKTASH ON SUBJECT IN HIS CAPACITY AS VICE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. OBVIOUSLY, WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR OUR TRAVELS FROM TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP, BUT MUST CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH LATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED PRACTICE. FOR US TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE TO TAKE STAND ON POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT YET NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES.

(D) ALTHOUGH US EMBASSY NICOSIA WILL EXPLAIN US POSITION THERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GOT'S ALSO DISCUSSING MATTER WITH DENKTASH AND WITH TURKISH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS ON CYPRUS. AS INDICATED ABOVE, US ASSUMES QUESTION OF TRAVEL AND ACCESS TO TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS BY US AND OTHER DIPLOMATS, AND BY OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS, IS MATTER IN WHICH BOTH
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TURKISH CYPRIOTS, AND TURKEY AS OCCUPYING AUTHORITY, HAVE SIGNIFICANT VOICE.

3. FOR NICOSIA. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH BRITISH AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AS APPROPRIATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER FOREGOING US POSITION IS IN APPROXIMATE CONFORMITY WITH THEIRS. ASSUMING SUCH IS THE CASE, WHEN YOU NEXT SEE DENKTASH, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN US SUBSTANTIVE POSITION AND PROCEDURAL INTENTIONS. IF YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE, IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO EXPLAIN OUR STAND TO DEFENSE

MINISTER. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO GET INTO EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH DENKTASH ET. AL. REGARDING WHETHER "AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION" DOES/ SHOULD EXIST, OR REGARDING RECENT "AIDE MEMOIRE" AND HOW IT SHOULD BE HANDLED. OUR VIEWS ON THESE POINTS WILL BE CLEAR FROM YOUR BASIC PRESENTATION.
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